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## National, County Issues Discussed by Council

by Sandra Barnes

A crowded council chamber and voices raised in heated debate formed the scenario for the August 17 special city council hearing. Bringing together this large group were two emotion-charged issues: a citizen's request to endorse county charter and a citizen's request for council to urge passage of the McGovern-Hatfield amendment to end the war in Vietnam.

Most of the discussion on the latter question centered around the propriety of the city council of Greenbelt concerning itself with the foreign policy of the United States. Councilmen Richard Pilski and Edgar Smith felt that nowhere in the city's charter was it stated that council is to indulge in foreign policy matters. If forced to vote on the question, Pilski stated, he would be reflecting his personal views, not those of the city of Greenbelt. Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay agreed, stating "that the best we can do is to urge individuals to write to their congressmen to express their views."

Councilman Joel Katz, on the other hand, felt there was nothing in the charter which prevented such a discussion. "It is right and appropriate," he affirmed, to discuss issues which are important to the citizens of Greenbelt.

### Audience Disagrees

From the audience came various voices, pro and con. Bertram Donn, of the Greenbelt Peace Committee, opined that council had an obligation to concern itself with the lives of the youth of the community. "Council would be shirking its responsibility if it didn't" act on this question, he said. Another citizen stated that the money now going to the war effort might be coming to Greenbelt in the form of better schools, hospitals, and roads.

On the other hand, many citizens seemed to agree with Mildred Murren and others who felt that, not being privy to the advice given to the President, we shouldn't have anything to do with discussing foreign issues.

One interesting idea brought forth was that if the city wanted the thoughts of the people on the issue, perhaps a referendum was the route to follow.

Councilman Katz called for a vote, but his motion died for want of a second.

### Charter Debate

There was also some discussion on the propriety of the council involving itself in a county matter by discussing the charter, to be voted on in the coming November elections. Councilmen Smith and Pilski thought it inappropriate, while Mayor Francis White and the other two councilmen, Katz and Maffay, thought it entirely appropriate.

Speaking on behalf of the charter was one of its authors and chairman of the charter board, Mike Maloney. He outlined several main points which charter government, if favorably passed on by the November electorate, would bring to Prince Georges County. The main provision contained in charter government is that it would bring home rule to the county, Maloney stated. This means that the county would not have to go to Annapolis whenever it desired a law which strictly affected county government. The second improvement provided by the charter, Maloney explained, is a provision for budgetary procedures currently non-existent. For example, agencies which now receive tax revenue submit no budget for the coming year to justify the amount of money they receive. A third main provision in the charter

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## City Notes

The paving of Southway Rd. has been delayed for some time because valves for the water line were found to be above proper grade. Engineer consultants to the city and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission engineers are currently attempting to determine whether it will be necessary to lower the water line or permit a higher grade level for the pavement than had been originally specified.

Grading for Gentry Drive has begun. The first work has consisted of making a stable slope next to the realigned roadway. In the process much dirt has been removed. Stakes have been set in place to mark curbs. Pouring of curbs will be the first work undertaken on the roadway itself.

The city's Public Works Dept. has also been involved in construction work. As a result of the Southway Rd. reconstruction, a heavier storm drainage run-off was added to the storm sewer that empties into a drainage swale behind the Co-op gas station. Flooding in that area followed heavy rains and the Public Works crew excavated to reopen the channel.

The crew also completed grading for a basketball court, to be located at the bay end of the lake between the settling basin and Charlestowne North and made grade changes in the bank east of the Municipal Service Bldg. in preparation for laying the sidewalk from the lake parking lot to the building. They also corrected storm drain deficiencies in the GHI area which were pointed out on a list by GHI management.

The Parks crew planted pyracanthus along the fence of the tennis court at Braden Field.

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A new city employee, Mrs. Barbara Havekost, began work on August 17 as a clerk-secretary in the city manager's office. She is a Greenbelt resident.

## Homeroom Assignments For Parkdale Students

Starting August 25, the Parkdale students may come to the school for Homeroom Assignments which will be posted on the front window.

## Council Meeting At SHLake Postponed

When only three citizens of Springhill Lake showed up for a scheduled city council meeting in their area on Wednesday, August 12, council decided to reschedule the meeting in September, when residents should have returned from summer vacations. Expressing disappointment at the poor turnout, they noted that publicity for the meeting should have been adequate, since flyers had been posted in every building in the development.

On the agenda for discussion were progress reports on the construction of Gentry Drive and on purchase of the golf course property by the city. The architects' drawing for a proposed municipal recreation center in Springhill Lake was also scheduled for discussion.

## Rep. Candidates Here

Greenbelt voters are invited to a "Meet the Republican Candidates" lawn party on Saturday, August 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the home of William L. Hoff, 71-E Ridge Road.

## GHI Sets Policy for Yard Lines

by Sid Kastner

The lay-out of yard lines for GHI homes, especially the frame homes, has been a perennial matter for discussion which has never been properly settled. A detailed set of proposals was finally presented to the board at Thursday night's regular meeting and was gone over section by section.

The comprehensive report was prepared as a joint effort of the Landscape committee and the management staff, the former chaired by Gordon Allen. It classifies yard layouts into fifteen different situations, depending on whether roads, other houses, etc. are adjacent to the yard in question. For each of these situations, three alternatives were presented: one would simply retain a system set up in 1953 which was based on 1942 lot plats, while the other two have been separately developed by the management and by the committee. Differences appeared between the latter two for some of the situations. The committee's regulations in general set an upper limit to yard lengths of 60 feet, rather than the staff (and 1953) recommendations of 75 feet. Also the committee advocated wider access lanes to the buildings of nine foot width to relieve problems such as overgrown hedges.

The board went through each of the situations, in each case choosing one of the proposals or an amended form as the official regulation which will apply in the future. A point brought out was that members do not own land past the 75-foot yard length, even though their fences may extend further at present. Manager Roy Breashears

noted that such land is actually common area, for the use of all members.

On a motion by board member Charles Schwan, management will adopt the new set of regulations; cases that have to be dealt with on an individual basis will be referred to the board for guidance. The staff and committee were complimented for what was certainly a thorough piece of work.

### Townhouses

Breashears reported next on a few separate developments in connection with the townhouses. The builder wants to finish his obligation soon and has requested a list from the corporation of remaining items to be done. The lateral drains, also subject of some controversy, appear to be having a positive effect. Previously wet cellars seem to be drying out. Breashears also gave copies of the townhouse contract, with some new changes incorporated, to the board members for their perusal.

In other actions, the board assigned the new area College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan to the legislative committee for consideration before the next meeting. The regular board meeting of September 10 will be shifted to Sept. 17, to avoid a conflict with the public hearing on the Plan.

## COUNCIL AGAIN FAVORS SCHOOL SITE SHIFT AND PERIMETER ROAD

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two seemingly perennial points of controversy—the location of a senior high school in Greenbelt and the desirability of a perimeter road through parcels 1 and 2—were reheated in the late hours of the August 17 meeting of city council, which finally adjourned at 12:15 a.m. Both questions were raised by a memo to council from city manager James K. Giese, recommending certain specific exceptions to the recently released College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Giese also recommended, however, that the main body of the Plan be approved by council as meeting the major recommendations of the city.

In referring to the first of Giese's objections — the specific location of a high school on parcel 2, "although agreeing that a senior high school in the area is needed," councilman Richard Pilski cautioned against deleting the parcel 2 site without suggesting another location. He argued that this action might suggest that Greenbelters opposed a high school in Greenbelt. "I want a high school in this community," Pilski said.

Councilman Edgar Smith agreed. To a previous motion following the wording of Giese's recommendation, Smith added the further clause, "and that the location of the senior high school be on parcel 15." But after objections were raised by members of the audience to 'locking in' the high school at that location when other sites were still also under discussion, Smith added a further modification — "unless another suitable site is selected within the city of Greenbelt." In that form the motion was finally passed unanimously.

Before it was passed, however, John Bogumill stirred up some controversy when he objected to the parcel 15 site as possibly providing noise and traffic nuisance to Lakeside. He feared that school traffic would be channeled through Lakecrest Dr. and Prince James Way, but Mayor White said that there would probably be two other accesses: one through the service entrance of the American Legion and one through a connecting road over the dam.

Other members of council expressed amazement at objections to the parcel 15 site, for which they noted that the city had been fighting during the preceding six years. They also felt that the motion, as finally adopted, did not preclude other locations for the school.

Two members of the audience, however, expressed concern over the damaging effect at the September 29 public hearing with the School Board on selection of a high school site if there were to be any dissension among Greenbelters on the issue. "We would be inviting disaster if we did not go united," Thomas White said. Concurring, Smith suggested that a prior hearing by council would be useful "to resolve areas of difficulty."

### Perimeter Road

Giese's second exception to the

## PLAY FESTIVAL BY LOCAL YOUTH

The Summer Arts and Crafts Program, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, will conclude their summer activities by presenting their first play festival. Two plays, "The Flower Garden" and "The Mystery of the Gumdrop Dragon," will be given on Friday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m., at Center School.

Under the direction of Miss Janie and Miss Carolyn, the youngsters found that they not only have dramatic ability but could design and construct their props, scenery, and costumes.

Admission is free — bring the whole family for an evening of fun.

## Suzuki Violin Program

A concert featuring the Suzuki violin students of Mrs. M. Bowling will be held at the Greenbelt Jewish Community Center, Westway and Ridge on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free concert. Refreshments will be served.

Master Plan was to "the specific location of right-of-way for the perimeter road while endorsing the need for the road and its general routing." (Council earlier in the summer had recommended a somewhat different routing of the road through parcel 2 than that shown on the MNCPPC map.)

Despite vigorous opposition from Milton Hoffman and Mildred Murren, council unanimously approved Giese's recommendation. In answer to Hoffman's charge that the city would be paying for a road to benefit a developer, Mayor Francis White indicated that the proposed road, on the scale of the present Ridge Rd., would not be built until the properties adjacent were developed and would be assessed against the developer, as had been done in Boxwood Village.

There were no citizen or council objections to Giese's other two exceptions — to the specific designation of park areas not yet acquired by the city (which, according to assistant city manager Gary Senhouse, would allow more flexibility to the city for planning for future acquisition and to the zoning of certain parcels of land, such as the Golden Triangle and the Smith-Ewing tracts, which had been zoned by the District Council contrary to the recommendations of the city.

On the latter point, however, council, while acquiescing, could see no benefit from the action, since down-zoning is not currently possible under county law and since, in the case of the Golden Triangle, the courts had already decided the legality of the zoning.

With these four exceptions to the Master Plan, council approved the plan insofar as it affected Greenbelt. Council's decision will be presented to the county commissioners at a special hearing on September 10 in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

### Box Culvert

Earlier in the evening, after a brief recess with a consulting attorney, Lewis Cassidy, to discuss technical aspects of the contract agreement with the owners, council unanimously passed an ordinance to provide for construction of a four-cell box culvert on Cherrywood Lane at Indian Creek in Springhill Lake. The ordinance authorizes a maximum expenditure of \$175,000.

The full cost of the construction and all administrative and legal expenses will be assessed against the owners of the adjacent benefiting property. The culvert will provide the only access to an industrial property west of Springhill Lake along the Beltway. Low bid of \$112,685 by Hult Construction Company was accepted for construction of the culvert.

Another bid accepted at the meeting was by Contee Sand & Gravel Company in the amount of \$23,179. This figure includes \$20,028 for construction of improvements to Laurel Hill Rd., \$1,080 for surfacing the Braden Field pathway, and \$2,071 for final surfacing of the parking lot behind the fire station and construction of a driveway between the front and rear parking lots on the west side of the building.

Council took no action on a request from the Metropolitan Council of Governments to consider a proposed Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to be constructed on Department of Agriculture property north of Greenbelt. Smith noted that the agenda item had been added only two days before and that council needed first to hear the recommendations of the county planning board concerning the proposed center.



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## "Utopian" Goals

Do you want a good education for your children?

When the 1960 Census figures were released, the *News Review* analyzed the data for Greenbelt. The headline of that article read, "WE MAY HAVE LITTLE MONEY BUT WE SURE ARE EDUCATED." This headline has lingered ever since in my mind, since it describes so beautifully a main aspect of Greenbelt.

Greenbelt's pre-occupation with Education has manifested itself in many ways. For a long time we had the only accredited Nursery School in the area (a co-operative of course). When in 1952 official funds to support a Kindergarten with withdrawn, interested parents immediately formed the Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten to carry on the services of the Kindergarten. This was continued until the County eventually took over the burden. Greenbelt was also the first community in Prince Georges County to have a foreign language program in its elementary schools, a PTA sponsored project. FLAG, Foreign Language Association of Greenbelt, did yeoman work the first year organizing classes and securing a teacher. Since then the program has been incorporated in the County school system.

In a closely related field it was the hard work of our citizens that brought a regional library in the heart of our City. And where could it be better than in the middle of a community that heads the list of per capita borrowed books, while at the same time offering its children the opportunity to walk or bicycle to their library?

I have by no means exhausted the list. There were after-school supervised study-halls, St. Hugh's Saturday morning science classes and more along the same line.

So when the question of a new high school came up, education-oriented Greenbelt got together and chose a site (not parcel 2) that would preserve the original layout of the City as a planned, safe, walk-and-bicycle community while at the same time offering the best possible educational facilities. The city backed up its choice by offering 10 acres of land, while G.H.I. offered 10 acres at the mortgage-release price. For four dark years the realization seemed far off. Now we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel: the School Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 29.

During the recent discussions the word "Utopia" has been used. Greenbelt is as close to Utopia as one can get in real life. However, a practical, down-to-earth Utopia requires perseverance, patience, sometimes quite heated debates and above all: long and hard work.

But the outlay in work and time can be reduced to an unavoidable minimum if we maintain a united front. The realization of our "Utopian" goals can be achieved within a short time if only we stick together for the one common goal: to give our children the best possible education without sacrificing our planned, safe, walk-and-bicycle community.

Leonie Penney

## MOBILE X-RAY

Again this year the Board of Education has arranged for the mobile X-ray unit to be made available for all school personnel to have a free lung examination.

The unit will be stationed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 26, at Bowie Senior High School.

## Thanks to All

To the Editor:

After four long years, the purpose for which the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee was formed has been realized. It is time to dissolve the committee. Before that is done, however, it is appropriate to thank all those who contributed time and money to the cause. The latter, easier to measure, totaled more than \$30,000, including the sum placed in escrow.

It is literally impossible to thank all those whose help vindicated the right of all of us to a free press. This letter will have to suffice. Thank you all.

Albert K. Herling  
Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

## Camp Pine Tree Boost

To the Editor:

Now that "Camp Pine Tree" has ended for the year, I would like to commend the city's recreation department which conducted this project. Our daughter was among the lucky Greenbelt children who attended this "camp," and she greatly appreciated the visits to the zoo, NASA center, airport and planetarium, the dress-up days—"Hillbilly Day," "Pirate Day," "Mars Day" (everybody dressed up as a Martian!), "Indian Day" etc.—and all other special activities, including the watermelon feast on the last day. She also enjoyed her swimming lessons and the long sessions by the pool side. May the imaginative way in which this year's "Camp Pine Tree" was planned lead to more and still better activities of this kind in years to come!

David P. Stern

## Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to the alert, capable lifeguards at the Greenbelt Swimming Pool who came to the rescue of our son, Stephen, last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Howard L. Hunt Jr.

## Information Forums On School Desegregation

A series of meetings to inform County citizens on school desegregation began Saturday, August 15. Meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Prince Georges Community College Saturday, August 22, August 29, September 5, and September 12, beginning at 10 a.m.

The major purpose of these meetings will be to give accurate, factual information on the desegregation plan to go into effect with the opening of schools Monday, August 31, Barry Anderson, Human Relations Officer said.

"There is much misinformation regarding the plan circulating around the County. What we hope to do in these meetings is to give correct information on such important details as bus routes, attendance areas, and student population figures. We will also discuss quality desegregated education. We hope that all interested citizens will plan to attend one of these scheduled meetings," he said.

## Donations Needed For Hurricane Victims

The American National Red Cross has announced that more than 65,000 families suffered loss when Hurricane Celia struck the Central Texas coast August 3.

Persons wishing to contribute should send their donations to the Prince George's County Chapter, American Red Cross, 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md., 20782, marked "Hurricane Celia."

## Quantico Marine Band At Greenbelt Lake Park

On Wednesday, August 26, at 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Lake Park the Quantico Marine Band will close the Greenbelt Concert Series.

Under the direction of Captain Sidney L. Snellings, Jr. and boasting more than 400 years of combined musical experience among its members, the band has offered a varied display of musical talent and marching ability to audiences as far west as Lincoln, Neb., and from Boston, Mass., to Raleigh, N.C.

From Sousa to Schubert, Bach to "Boggie," Captain Snellings, Jr. and Quantico's "musical Marines" carry on the traditions established by John Philip Sousa more than 75 years ago.

Throughout the year, the Quantico Marine Band is on the go and "on the road," representing the Marine Corps, entertaining the public and fulfilling its mission, both musical and military.

## P.G. Bd. of Education Meetings Scheduled

The Board of Education of Prince Georges County has indicated a desire to schedule one evening meeting a month in an effort to encourage public participation in its deliberations. This meeting will normally convene in open session at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. When the volume of business is great, the convening hour may be earlier. Any executive session needed would be held before 3 p.m. It is intended that routine matters would be scheduled for the afternoons with matters of considerable public interest scheduled for the evening's proceedings.

There will also be an all-day meeting on the second Tuesday of each month to convene in open session at 10 a.m. The goal is to conclude this meeting by 5 p.m.

## Tip of the Month

by Captain Richard Custer, Fire Marshal, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department

The summer time brings with it the ever-present backyard grill and camp cookout. Starting the fire often times is the worst part of the process. The wood or charcoal may be damp or even wet. In cases such as these, the cook may be tempted to resort to some faster and more effective method of starting the fire. The most commonly misused fluid is gasoline. Poured over the charcoal, the fumes fill the air and, when lighted, envelops both the fire and the fire lighter in a fire ball.

Commercially prepared charcoal lighter fluids are far safer, but are also subject to misuse. How often have you found that the fire dies down just as the last hamburger is put on? When this happens, many folks add more coals and then give the old fire a shot or two of lighter fluid to get it going again. Although the fluid may be safe to start the fire with, hot coals can vaporize the fluid and it may self-ignite, causing the same fire ball as the gasoline. When the fluid is being poured from a wide mouthed container, the flame may flash into the container and cause an explosion.

When camping, it is often pleasant to have a fire to take the chill off in the evening. If the wood is damp or slow starting, it seems that it might be a good idea to use some of that camp stove fuel to help the fire along. After all, it comes in a can like the lighter fluid. This is a very serious mistake. The fuel for camp stoves is a highly refined petroleum product. It has many of the same properties as gasoline, including the ability to cause a flash fire.

The best guidelines to follow for outdoor fire safety are:

1. Never use gasoline or other highly flammable liquid to start a fire.
2. Never pour a flammable liquid of any type on a burning fire or glowing coals. It is better to wait or to use newspaper.
3. Never mistake camp stove fuel for charcoal starter fluid.

Play it safe and make your outdoor cooking fun and accident-free.

## BIKE PARADE

All children up to 12 years of age are invited to decorate their trikes, bikes, wagons, unicycles, etc., for the Labor Day Parade. Decorated vehicles are to gather at Ridge and Gardenway by 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 7 for judging prior to the parade. Trophies will be awarded for the best decorated vehicles in the 4-year-old and under, 4-5 year old, 6-8 year old, 9-10 year old, and 11-12 year old categories, following the parade at the swimming pool. All other participants will receive consolation prizes.

## Army's Studio Band To Play at Festival

The Studio Band, emitting hard-rock sounds, will appear in Greenbelt at 12:15 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7th. The band is composed of soldier-musicians in the United States Army Field Band from Washington, D.C., and is under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Charles Almeida.

In presenting the "Sounds of the '70's," the Studio Band couples young idea, original arrangements and compositions with a sound best described as a blend of hard rock, pop and jazz.

## Labor Day Pet Show

The Greenbelt Pet Show will be a feature of this year's Labor Day Festival. The judging of dogs, cats, and miscellaneous pets will take place at Candy Cane City on September 5, between 1:30 and 5 p.m. and will end with a turtle race. Registration of pets may be made at the Springhill Lake Drug Store and at Twin Pines S & L Assn.

## FESTIVAL LONG DISTANCE RACES

Two traditional races will be featured as part of the Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 6 at 5 p.m., starting at the tennis courts. The first race is 2 miles around the lake, with trophies to all Greenbelt finishers. The main race is the D.C. AAU Junior Championship 15 kilo race (9.3 miles) through the Agricultural Farm and Greenbelt. Enter at race half an hour before hand. Twenty trophies will be given. Information about these races or jogging are available from Larry Noel, 474-9362.

## Lions to Sponsor Pancake Feast

The Greenbelt Lions Club will hold its Sixth Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Candy Cane Playground area. The affair will be held in conjunction with the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. All profits will go to charity. The breakfast will include coffee, milk, sausage and all the pancakes you can eat.

## Local Lions to Sponsor Medical Examinations

by C. M. Cormack

In conjunction with the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival the Greenbelt Lions Club will sponsor free visual, glaucoma and diabetes tests.

Trailers for the examinations will be located on the mall in front of the statue on Monday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The above examinations will be conducted by the Prince Georges County Health Dept.

## McGARRY TO M.C. LABOR DAY KICKOFF

Mac McGarry, host of WRC-TV Show, "It's Academic," will be master of ceremonies for the kick-off of the 16th Annual Labor Festival, scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, September 4.

The affable and popular McGarry also has an afternoon show on WRC radio.

## HELPERS NEEDED FOR UCP BINGO

The United Cerebral Palsy of Prince Georges County will again operate the Bingo during the Labor Day Festival. Manpower is needed to run the bingo. Interested people who can donate a few hours, are asked to contact Mike Burckick, 474-6537.

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## Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6960

Virginia and Ron Shepler were victorious in last week's 5-table duplicate bridge session. Their nearest rivals, Sid Barnett and Joe Nisimov, finished 1½ points behind, with Helen McGlauchin and Julie Churchill another ½ point behind. Next game: Friday, August 28.

Several SHL Brownies and Girl Scouts have enjoyed an exciting, adventurous stay at Camp Conestoga day camp during July. With them exploring nature in the out-of-doors were unit leaders Alice Schultz, better known in camp as Alita and Deanne Peltin, known as Frog. Junior Troop #2270 spent four days in June at Camp Bay Breeze swimming, hiking, sleeping in tents, cooking on open fires, fossil hunting and singing.

There is a great demand for new SHL leaders for Brownies, Junior Scouts and Cadets. Brownie troop leaders Meg Kraft, Deloris Bjork and Peggy Powers have moved, and Junior Troop #2120 leader, Bernie McGee, is moving soon to old Greenbelt. Anyone interested in sharing their skills in an exciting program with girls who are eager to be Brownies, Junior Scouts and Cadets for next year, please call Deanne Peltin, Troop Organizer.

Army Reserve Major Samuel J. Rolph, Jr., son of Samuel J. Rolph, 38 Ridge completed Phase 10 of the command and general staff officer course at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

The training, given over a five-year period, is designed to prepare selected officers for responsible positions at division and support command levels.

Robert Ergenbright of Greenbelt is cast as the male lead of "The Beggar's Opera," which will be presented at the Little Theatre in Alexandria, Virginia, August 20 and 21.

Four Greenbelt students of Parkdale Senior High School have been selected to participate in the summer research participation program for high school students financed by the National Science Foundation and sponsored by the American University. George Easton, Lakeside Drive, has been assigned to the Department of Agriculture; Howard Finkelstein, Springhill Lane, and Olga Penney and Thomas Skillman, of Northway Road.

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have been working at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Tedd Cowell and George Younger will be among 18 students from the county participating in the Youth Leadership Development Conference sponsored by the Red Cross from Aug. 24-28. The sessions will be held at Marymount College in Arlington, Va., for high school students who have exhibited leadership potential.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Laster and family, 3 Lakeside, are going abroad. For a year they will reside in Cambridge, England. Dr. Laster is chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of Maryland.

Welcome new Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Babb who are residing at 3 Lakeside with their children Robert and Maureen. Babb will be associated with the

University of Maryland. The family formerly resided in Florham, New Jersey.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills, 11 Maplewood, were Gudrun's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Elgleb of Heidelberg, Germany, who were most impressed with Greenbelt's parks, trees, and woods.

Mrs. Mary Henry will be staying at her daughter's home, Mrs. Charles (Paula) Del Vecchie in Falls Church, Virginia, until she leaves for Florida.

Sergeant Bernard Raimo, Jr., recently received the Bronze Star Medal while serving with the 4th Infantry Division near An Khe, Vietnam. He was presented the Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing himself through meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces in Vietnam.

Hope Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, 5-F Laurel Hill Rd., is feeling better following surgery August 17 at Prince Georges General Hospital.

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ter is for a system of checks and balances, much like the national government, whereby an 11-man council and a county executive would be elected by the people.

Maloney pointed out, as did others throughout the evening's discussion that the charter can be amended. "We can't do that now," he stated, "because we have no document to amend."

## GVFD Opposes

A heated debate arose between Maloney and Chief John Crisman of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Crisman defended the status quo of each fire department submitting an annual report justifying its expenditures, while Maloney contended that there was no correlation between the amount needed and that which was received. This system amounts to "a guaranteed annual handout to fire departments," with some fire departments investing their excess money in real estate while others did not receive enough money, Maloney stated. Crisman felt that the budget would spell the end of the dances, bake sales and general fund raising sponsored by the fire department. He also felt that two budgets, one submitted by the paid departments, and another submitted by the volunteer departments, would somehow jeopardize the quality and effectiveness of the volunteer system because a paid fireman might become chief fire marshal.

Several councilmen urged Crisman and others not to prejudice themselves against the entire charter because they did not like one aspect of it. They again pointed out the possibility for amendments.

## Eleven-man Board

Councilman Pilski was concerned that charter government gave too much power to the eleven-man board. Maloney replied that the board's powers were only those granted to it by the state constitution. In response to the efficiency of the new system of government as opposed to the present 5-man county council, Maloney elicited much laughter and applause by replying, "How can it be less efficient?" In a more serious vein, he pointed out that presently there is not one county government, but three, namely the county council, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, all autonomous agencies performing many similar and overlapping functions. Charter provides for an administrative outline of government organization which heretofore has been nonexistent in the county, he added.

Charter government will also provide for an office of audits and investigations so that any agency of the government, including the school board, can be audited in order to ferret out waste and eliminate overlapping, he concluded.

Col. Milton Hoffman found it necessary to shout that he didn't feel eleven men could do a better job than five were now doing. "More government doesn't mean better government. . . Let's work within the system," he bellowed.

Mayor White stated that initially he had some doubts about the charter, but on the whole the "changes were so sorely needed I'm going on record as supporting it," he said.

Councilwoman Maffay's motion stating that "The city council go on record as supporting charter" was then passed 3-2; Pilski opposed and Smith opposed, stating he did not want "to impose his view on the voters."

## Boys and Girls Club

Attention, all you energetic and high spirited girls! If you're between the ages of 8 and 14 and would like to join the Boys' and Girls' Club, you qualify to participate as a Greenbelt cheerleader for the football teams this season. All girls from the immediate Greenbelt area, Springhill Lake, Berwyn Heights, Boxwood Village, Lakeside North and the Charlestown Village areas are urged to sign up.

Registration will be anytime between the hours of 9 - 4 in the office of the Greenbelt Youth Center. All girls who sign up will be contacted a few days after registration.

## Recreation Review

## Softball Tournament

Entries are still being accepted for the Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Double Elimination Tournament. This double elimination tournament will be limited to sixteen teams, with ASA teams given priority. Ten ASA teams have so far registered, and four teams are on the Non-ASA waiting list. Two service teams, two Greenbelt teams, Wildwood Esso, Franklin Marble and Tile, and last years runner-up, Fred and Harry Seafood, are among the teams now registered.

## Horseshoe Tournament

Registration is now open for the Men's Doubles Horseshoe Contest. This double elimination event will be held on August 5, starting at 10 a.m.

## Golf Chipping

This annual event will be conducted in two age divisions: Junior (8-15 age); and Senior. Duffers should be on Braden Field #1 at 2:45 p.m. on September 5.

## Tennis Tournament

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently registering entrants for its Labor Day Tennis Championship Tournament. The dates of play are from August 23 through September 7. For more information call 474-6878 daily from 9 to 5.

## Fishing Contest

For Boys and Girls, in divisions 10 & under, 12 & under, and 16 & under on Sunday, September 6, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. All fish must be caught that day. Maryland State Fishing Laws will apply. Catfish and bass must be over 9 inches long; all others must be 6 inches or over. Check fish in at the Youth Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Use any tackle, fish from the shore or boat. Prizes for largest and most fish caught in each division. Sign up at the Youth Center before 5 p.m., Friday, September 4.

## Recreation Dept.

## Labor Day Contests

## Pool Splash Party

On Friday, August 21, the Greenbelt Municipal Pool will sponsor a Splash Party for teenagers from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the band, "Edge." Admission will be charged.

## Attention: Bowling Fans

There will be a Bowling Registration on August 29 Saturday, at Fairlanes, between 1 and 4 p.m. This registration is for ten pin bowlers.

## Youth Center Gym Closed

The Gym will be closed for resurfacing on August 24 through 27.

## Winners

Two days of exciting Ping-Pong play was held on August 13 and 14. Winners of these exciting games are as follows: Sub-teen boy, Ricky Hawk; Doubles, Micky Corbin and Dicky Tipton; Teen Girls, Karen Wright; Teen Boys, Jar Sterum.

## American Legion

## Post Auxiliary

The Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136 held its first meeting of 1970-71 on August 6.

Awards from the Department of Maryland Legion Auxiliary Membership, conferred on the unit at the convention held in Ocean City in July, included the National President's Citation for making quota before the deadline; hospital workers pins and certificates presented to Elaine Wood for 500 hours and to Ethel O'Brien for 1000 hours for rehabilitation; and third place for Historian.

Newly elected officers for 1970-71 are: President, Elaine Wood; First Vice President, Margie Huffaker; Second Vice President, Lillian McWilliams; Secretary, Clara Kuntz; Treasurer, Ethel O'Brien; Sgt. at Arms, A. M. Link and Nancy Dean; Color Bearers, Mary Davis and Phyllis Ellais; Historian Diane McLaughlin; Executive Committee, Lillian Riley, Pauline Anders and Louise Edinger.

Next Aux. meeting - August 26.

## Preliminary Census Count

The preliminary population figures for Prince Georges County were announced on June 12 by District Manager Mrs. Erica K. Kenney as being 657,710. This figure will be made official in the fall of 1970. The 1960 official count stood at 357,395.

## LADIES DUCKPIN BOWLING

The Greenbelt Ladies Duckpin Bowling League will begin the season at Fair Lanes, College Park (next to Safeway) on Tuesday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m. with a sweepstakes and a meeting to organize teams.

League play will start September 7 at 9:30 a.m. A supervised nursery is provided for children with games, toys, T.V. and snacks. Playpens are provided for babies.

All bowlers - beginning or experienced as individuals or as a team, who are interested in joining are invited to call 474-3061 or 345-8384 for further information.

## Majorettes Sponsor

## Tupperware Party

The Greenbelt Majorettes and Drum Corps, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Department of Greenbelt, are holding a Tupperware Party at the Greenbelt Fire House Hall on Sunday, August 23, at 4 p.m. The money will be used to buy new and additional equipment for the group. All interested friends are invited to attend or give an order to one of the majorettes.

Registration for new members will be held on Saturday, September 5, at the Greenbelt Fire House Hall. Beginner Majorettes are asked to register between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Intermediates and older girls or boys are asked to register between 11 a.m. and noon. Potential Drum Corps members will register between 10 a.m. and noon.

## University Offers

Mail registration for fall semester non-credit courses at University College, the University of Maryland's evening division, has begun. Courses such as speed reading, technical writing, traffic engineering, contracting with the federal government, reading improvement for graduate school foreign language testing, and English language improvement will be offered to the public.

Information on any of the courses can be obtained by writing to: Conferences and Institutes Division, University College Center of Adult Education, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 20742.



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There are several things to remember when collecting your soil samples. Take small samples in several areas on your lawn, garden, or shrub border and mix together in a clean pail, but keep soil samples from each garden separate. Samples should be taken in the top two inches on old lawns, 5 to 6 inches when establishing new lawns and 4 to 6 inches around shrubs and gardens. It is also important to avoid taking samples when the soil is wet.

## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

Happy birthday to Peter Goldstein, 56-C Crescent Rd., who celebrated his 18th birthday on Aug. 15. His sister Tina, a professional beagle who turned ten the day before, shared the spotlight. Interviewed at a party among his family and friends, Pete attributed his longevity to an almost complete lack of exercise and a diet of the better brands of cat food. Although he is generally a model citizen, he refuses to register for either the draft or the election. Possibly this is in protest to his early years in Greenbelt, when he had to live "underground" due to cat-astrophic prejudice. Although not a long-hair, Pete is hip to the now scene, occasionally becoming stoned on catnip.

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